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I went out to EUCOM headquarters, in the forest of St. Germain this morning to lunch with General Cook, Commander of U.S. troops in Europe as Deputy for General Gruenther. He had about twenty general officers and admirals for lunch, and afterwards I talked to about 100 of his officers. I attempted to explain the contents of the London agreement and made some comparisons between it and the provisions of the EDC Treaty. I spent an hour or two after the conclusion of my talk going around and seeing various buildings in this fine military establishment. The area is self-sufficient in that it has, besides excellent quarters, its own PX, chapel, athletic grounds (including a skeet lay-out), dispensary, officers and non-commissioned officers' clubs.

Back at the office, I saw Bill Tyler, who is leaving for home tomorrow. He has seen a great many people here and his preliminary conclusion is that Mendès-France has developed a large popular following and should be able to put across the London arrangements provided he obtains satisfaction on the Saar.

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